

HOW TO “TALK TO THE TEXT” (T4 strategy)

1. Look at the **title** of piece. Respond to it.
2. Look at any illustrations on the page. See if they help you understand the title.
3. Begin to read the article. As you read, interact with the text.....
4. Write down any **questions** as they come into your head.
5. Write down any **connections** you make as you read.
 - To yourself, your world, to something else you have read, to the text you are now reading
6. **Clarify** your understanding by writing ideas from the text into your own words.
7. **Underline or circle words** you don't know. Use word parts or context clues to figure out their meanings as you read.
8. Don't forget you should also **Summarize!** (at the end of each page to remember what you have read)
9. **Predict** what will happen next!
10. **Visualize!** Make movies in your head!

In your small groups, discuss the following topics:

What did you notice about your reading as you were “talking” to the text?

How did using this strategy affect the way you understood the text?

As you read, how difficult was it to use this strategy?

Which of the suggested response methods did you use?
Was one method more effective than others? Why?

How do you think your students would benefit from this strategy?